Problems of Mahila Mandal in H.P.

†*167. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had received any representation in August, 2002 about the problems of Mahila Mandal, Nandla, District Shimla, Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government on their problems and whether Government propose to provide financial assistance to promote Mahila Mandal;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. A representation in general terms was received for financial assistance for construction of guest house, training women in cutting and tailoring and awareness generation for female literacy. There is no scheme for construction of Guest House. Regarding training of women and awareness generation, the organization was requested to submit regular proposals.

Financial assistance for sports persons

*168. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state the names of sports persons given pension/lump sum financial assistance under the existing scheme of "National Welfare Fund for Sports Persons", during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIKRAM VERMA): Names of sports persons given pension/lump sum financial assistance during the last three years are given as under :—

(A) **Sl. No. Names of the pensioners for the year 1999-2000**

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1. Abul Hassan Ahmed
2. A. Palanichamy
3. B.K. Govind
4. Bhagwan Devi (Smt.)

†Orignal notice of the question was received in Hindi.